

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2008

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended December 13, 2008, there were 516,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan during December 2008, a decrease of 4,700 from November 2008 but 16,900 more than the number employed in December 2007.

Agricultural employment was 36,800 persons in December 2008, down 5,200 from the November 2008 level and 1,600 less than the December 2007 agricultural employment level of 38,400. Non-agricultural employment was 479,200 persons in December 2008. This is an increase of 500 from the November 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 478,700 and 18,500 more than December 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2008 was 4.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.8 percentage points from the November 2008 rate of 3.2 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the December 2007 level of 3.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 700 to 537,400 persons in December 2008 from 538,100 persons in November 2008. This is 18,600 more than the December 2007 labour force of 518,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 69.4 percent in December 2008 from 69.6 percent in November 2008. The December 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.4 percent.

There were 21,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2008. This is an increase of 4,000 from November 2008 and is 1,700 more than the number unemployed in December 2007.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 520,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2008, down 300 from the November 2008 level of 520,600 but is up 15,600 from the December 2007 employment level of 504,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2008 was 4.2 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the November 2008 rate of 3.7 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the December 2007 rate of 4.0 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 107,300 persons in December 2008 to 17,010,500 persons from 17,117,800 persons in November 2008. In December 2007, there were 16,929,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points to 6.3 percent from the November 2008 level of 6.2 percent. In December 2007, Canada's unemployment rate 5.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.6 percent in December 2008. This is 0.3 percentage points higher than November 2008 and 0.6 percentage points higher than the December 2007 level of 6.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

**SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES**

	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,155.8	18,243.8	17,929.1	-88.0	226.7
Employed ('000)	17,010.5	17,117.8	16,929.8	-107.3	80.7
Full-Time ('000)	13,665.8	13,820.9	13,702.0	-155.1	-36.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,344.6	3,296.8	3,227.8	47.8	116.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,145.3	1,126.1	999.3	19.2	146.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.2	5.6	0.1	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.3	6.0	0.3	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	67.4	67.1	-0.4	-0.1
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	537.4	538.1	518.8	-0.7	18.6
Employed ('000)	516.0	520.7	499.1	-4.7	16.9
Full-Time ('000)	416.7	422.4	403.7	-5.7	13.0
Part-Time ('000)	99.3	98.4	95.5	0.9	3.8
Unemployed ('000)	21.4	17.4	19.7	4.0	1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.2	3.8	0.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	3.7	4.0	0.5	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.6	68.4	-0.2	1.0
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,097.9	2,098.7	2,045.0	-0.8	52.9
Employed ('000)	2,011.2	2,025.1	1,982.3	-13.9	28.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,654.8	1,678.5	1,655.8	-23.7	-1.0
Part-Time ('000)	356.4	346.6	326.5	9.8	29.9
Unemployed ('000)	86.8	73.6	62.7	13.2	24.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	3.5	3.1	0.6	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	3.4	3.2	0.7	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	74.3	74.5	73.8	-0.2	0.5
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	632.8	634.7	621.1	-1.9	11.7
Employed ('000)	606.2	609.0	595.9	-2.8	10.3
Full-Time ('000)	483.5	484.8	479.7	-1.3	3.8
Part-Time ('000)	122.7	124.2	116.2	-1.5	6.5
Unemployed ('000)	26.6	25.7	25.2	0.9	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	4.1	0.2	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.5	68.8	-0.3	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b><u>December 2008</u></b>	<b><u>November 2008</u></b>	<b><u>December 2007</u></b>	<b><u>Change from Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	537.4	538.1	518.8	-0.7	18.6
Male	285.2	287.2	280.4	-2.0	4.8
Female	252.1	250.9	238.4	1.2	13.7
15-24 Years of Age	97.1	97.4	93.8	-0.3	3.3
25+ Years of age	440.2	440.7	425.1	-0.5	15.1
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	516.0	520.7	499.1	-4.7	16.9
Male	273.1	277.6	268.4	-4.5	4.7
Female	242.9	243.1	230.7	-0.2	12.2
15-24 Years of Age	90.0	91.0	86.9	-1.0	3.1
25+ Years of age	426.0	429.8	412.3	-3.8	13.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	21.4	17.4	19.7	4.0	1.7
Male	12.2	9.6	12.0	2.6	0.2
Female	9.2	7.8	7.7	1.4	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	7.2	6.4	6.9	0.8	0.3
25+ Years of age	14.2	11.0	12.8	3.2	1.4
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	4.0	3.2	3.8	0.8	0.2
Male	4.3	3.3	4.3	1.0	0.0
Female	3.6	3.1	3.2	0.5	0.4
15-24 Years of Age	7.4	6.6	7.4	0.8	0.0
25+ Years of age	3.2	2.5	3.0	0.7	0.2
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	69.4	69.6	68.4	-0.2	1.0
Male	74.7	75.4	75.0	-0.7	-0.3
Female	64.2	64.0	62.1	0.2	2.1
15-24 Years of Age	69.5	69.7	67.7	-0.2	1.8
25+ Years of age	69.4	69.6	68.6	-0.2	0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b>December <u>2008</u></b>	<b>November <u>2008</u></b>	<b>December <u>2007</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	36.8	42.0	38.4	-5.2	-1.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.1	25.4	22.8	-0.3	2.3
Utilities	6.2	6.1	5.1	0.1	1.1
Construction	39.9	40.9	31.0	-1.0	8.9
Manufacturing	30.3	28.8	29.9	1.5	0.4
Trade	83.9	82.9	84.2	1.0	-0.3
Transportation and Warehousing	23.3	23.2	25.0	0.1	-1.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.1	29.4	27.5	-0.3	1.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.5	21.0	21.3	-0.5	-0.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.8	10.6	10.1	1.2	1.7
Educational Services	40.3	41.6	40.6	-1.3	-0.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	63.0	63.6	61.9	-0.6	1.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.2	18.9	20.2	1.3	0.0
Accommodation and Food Services	32.3	31.9	30.9	0.4	1.4
Other Services	24.1	23.6	21.9	0.5	2.2
Public Administration	29.2	30.7	28.2	-1.5	1.0
Total	516.0	520.7	499.1	-4.7	16.9
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	416.7	422.4	403.7	-5.7	13.0
Part-Time	99.3	98.4	95.5	0.9	3.8
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	421.1	423.3	407.2	-2.2	13.9
Public Sector	130.4	134.0	126.3	-3.6	4.1
Private Sector	290.6	289.3	280.9	1.3	9.7
Self-Employed	94.9	97.4	92.0	-2.5	2.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b>December <u>2008</u></b>	<b>November <u>2008</u></b>	<b>December <u>2007</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Month</u></b>	<b>Change from <u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,010.5	17,117.8	16,929.8	-107.3	80.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	209.2	215.3	213.0	-6.1	-3.8
Prince Edward Island	66.3	67.3	66.4	-1.0	-0.1
Nova Scotia	452.6	452.4	451.1	0.2	1.5
New Brunswick	360.2	365.2	360.6	-5.0	-0.4
Quebec	3,850.2	3,888.8	3,848.0	-38.6	2.2
Ontario	6,645.9	6,665.3	6,626.0	-19.4	19.9
Manitoba	606.2	609.0	595.9	-2.8	10.3
Saskatchewan	516.0	520.7	499.1	-4.7	16.9
Alberta	2,011.2	2,025.1	1,982.3	-13.9	28.9
British Columbia	2,292.8	2,308.6	2,287.3	-15.8	5.5
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.3	6.2	5.6	0.1	0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.9	13.6	12.5	0.3	1.4
Prince Edward Island	14.0	11.7	11.9	2.3	2.1
Nova Scotia	7.4	7.7	6.8	-0.3	0.6
New Brunswick	8.5	8.0	7.8	0.5	0.7
Quebec	7.3	7.2	7.0	0.1	0.3
Ontario	6.6	6.7	5.8	-0.1	0.8
Manitoba	4.2	4.0	4.1	0.2	0.1
Saskatchewan	4.0	3.2	3.8	0.8	0.2
Alberta	4.1	3.5	3.1	0.6	1.0
British Columbia	5.0	4.7	3.8	0.3	1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS****(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<b><u>Oct-Dec</u></b> <b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>Sep-Nov</u></b> <b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>Oct-Dec</u></b> <b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>Change from</u></b>	
				<b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	6.1	6.4	6.1	-0.3	0.0
Halifax	4.5	4.7	3.9	-0.2	0.6
Saint John	5.5	5.5	3.8	0.0	1.7
Quebec	3.7	3.6	5.1	0.1	-1.4
Montreal	7.4	7.2	6.8	0.2	0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.0	4.6	4.0	-0.6	0.0
Greater Sudbury	5.6	5.7	4.7	-0.1	0.9
Toronto	6.7	6.7	6.1	0.0	0.6
Winnipeg	4.3	4.5	4.3	-0.2	0.0
Regina	3.0	3.3	3.9	-0.3	-0.9
Saskatoon	3.6	3.3	3.4	0.3	0.2
Calgary	3.8	3.7	3.0	0.1	0.8
Edmonton	3.5	3.5	3.7	0.0	-0.2
Vancouver	4.4	4.3	3.7	0.1	0.7
Victoria	3.6	3.4	2.6	0.2	1.0
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	157.4	158.0	150.8	-0.6	6.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.4	54.1	54.3	-0.7	-0.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	169.5	168.6	165.6	0.9	3.9
Yorkton-Melville	40.5	41.7	41.4	-1.2	-0.9
Prince Albert & Northern	98.7	99.3	91.1	-0.6	7.6

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY**  
**FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**  
**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<b>Oct-Dec 2008</b>	<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2007</b>	<b>Change from Last Month</b>	<b>Change from Last Year</b>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	537.0	538.8	521.9	-1.8	15.1
Employed ('000)	517.8	520.2	502.3	-2.4	15.5
Unemployed ('000)	19.2	18.6	19.6	0.6	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.5	3.8	0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.8	69.0	-0.3	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	67.0	67.4	66.4	-0.4	0.6
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	495.9	497.9	483.7	-2.0	12.2
Employed ('000)	480.7	483.4	468.3	-2.7	12.4
Unemployed ('000)	15.1	14.5	15.4	0.6	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	2.9	3.2	0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	70.1	69.5	-0.4	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.6	68.0	67.3	-0.4	0.3
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	41.1	40.9	38.3	0.2	2.8
Employed ('000)	37.1	36.8	34.0	0.3	3.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	10.1	11.1	-0.2	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.3	63.4	0.3	3.2
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	59.6	56.4	0.4	3.6
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	17.5	17.1	15.1	0.4	2.4
Employed ('000)	15.0	14.6	13.0	0.4	2.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.5	2.1	0.1	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.6	14.8	13.9	-0.2	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	62.8	61.4	55.4	1.4	7.4
Employment Rate (%)	53.6	52.3	47.7	1.3	5.9
<b><u>MÉTIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	23.6	23.7	23.0	-0.1	0.6
Employed ('000)	22.1	22.1	20.9	0.0	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	1.5	1.6	2.1	-0.1	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.7	9.2	-0.2	-2.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	70.5	70.0	-0.6	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	65.4	65.7	63.5	-0.3	1.9

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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